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THE MESSAGE



Often our friends and students ask: "What can I do to help with the work?" and so it is my intention to deal with several of these recurring questions that your inquiries on this subject may be answered.

"Is there anything I can do to help with the great Work?" Yes, there is....much. You can assist in various ways, but first of all, you may help both your fellow-travellers and those not yet identified with the Path by mental and spiritual cooperation, and by demonstrating the helpfulness of Occult standards in your own life. In short, so live that others observing your life will be inspired to emulate it, for the principles of Truth are reflected not only in the sacred Books, but they are most commandingly pictured in the living testament of daily life.

Many students inquire: "Would you object to my recommending the Brotherhood to a friend?" No, we feel that the students who work with us are cognizant of the kind of instruction and assistance offered and would not suggest the organization to those who would unworthily use the Spiritual Mysteries. If your friends have demonstrated directly or indirectly that they are seeking for something finer and higher than they had before, or if you perceive that they are old souls awaiting another opportunity to continue their development, or if their lives have been so tangled

by adverse circumstances and biased ideas that unhappiness or even despair have resulted, we will give full consideration to your recommendation, and admit them as students if our analysis shows that they are prepared for advancement.

Others ask: "If I am to observe the Occult principle of Silence, does that mean I am never to speak of my beliefs to others, and never teach them?" No, not at all. The principle of Silence refers to refraining from discussing promiscuously the intimate contacts of the Inner Planes. As the Candidate progresses farther and farther along the Path, he or she experiences a raising of consciousness and a close attunement with Higher Plane forces. These contacts whether they be Intellectual, Astral, or Spiritual, are personal, they concern the Candidate and no one else. We may speak of their beauty and message only to advanced students, or to the Masters guiding our efforts, certainly these sacred revelations are not to be publically advertised. But there is much that can be done in the way of direct teaching.....were this not so, neither you nor I would have received Illumination. Each Traveller must learn from another in advance of himself, thus there may be a niche waiting for you to fill as a Guide and Teacher.

If you are uncertain as how to proceed and are anxious to serve others directly, the Special Train-

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ing Course will afford you the instruction you need. There are numerous occasions when you may encourage someone in trouble, when you can advise one so deeply involved in a problem that his own judgment is warped, and too, often a bit of technical assistance is needed in solving a philosophical problem. The Special Training Course has been arranged to advise you on these and similar questions that you may avoid many of the disastrous errors inexperience often brings.

Countless letters with this question have been called to my attention: "Many times I have wished to include an additional amount in my lunar envelope, but hesitated feeling that perhaps the Brotherhood has no need for an amount in excess to the usual Offering." It is true that as far as the administration of the work is concerned, we do not request that more than the stipulated amount noted in the Craftsman Booklet be forwarded by any student.....that amount is applied to his or her personal tuitionary expenses. But we do accept additional amounts in the interest of those students who are experiencing financial difficulty in the continuance of their work. There are many calls for us to write those in dire circumstances, many calls for us to distribute the Messenger among unhappy and destitute souls who have no other source of Light and Spiritual instruction, many times we wish to continue the Lessons schedule of students sincere and worthy, who are not able to send in their Dues for several months.....all of these demands must be supplied out of funds other than those employed in furthering the usual activities of the organization. We do not consider these services as acts of Charity, they are simply "aids" to help our comrades over a few difficult situations. So if you want to help in this way, you may

do so, designating clearly in your letter your intentions as to the application of the amount you forward.

All of these are practical ways in which to help and serve, and all may be done in reverential memory of the loving Giver of all Good Gifts.

-- Sri Cariot, M.B.

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Keep a smile on your lips; it is better

To joyfully, hopefully try
For the end you would gain than to fetter

Your life with a moan and a sigh.
There are clouds in the firmament ever

The beauty of heaven to mar,
Yet night so profound there is never

But somewhere is shining a star.

Keep a song in your heart; it will lighten

The duty you hold in your hand;
Its music will graciously brighten
The work your high purpose has planned.

Your notes to the lives that are saddened

May make them to hopefully yearn,
And earth shall be wondrously gladdened

By the songs they shall sing in return.

Keep a task in your hands; you must labor;

By toil is true happiness won;
For foe and for friend and for neighbor,

Rejoice, there is much to be done.
Endeavor, by crowning life's duty,
With joy-giving song and with smile,
To make the world fuller of beauty
Because you were in it awhile.

-- Nixon Waterman

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Be not conformed to this world; but ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

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ALL FAITHS LOOK TO THEE

(compiled by Kedernath Das Gupta)

-- Invocation --

Teach us, O Lord, to see Thy Life in all men and in all the peoples of thine Earth.

Christian: Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Jewish: Here, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One. Blessed by His Name whose glorious Kingdom is forever and ever.

Buddhist: All praise be to the Lord, the Holy One, perfect in Wisdom. I go to the enlightened One for refuge, I go to the Law for refuge, I go to the Brotherhood for refuge.

Confucian: Oh, revere! Oh, revere! God is glorious. Help me to bear this burden on my shoulders, and show me the glorious virtue and conduct.

Hindu: Let us meditate upon the adorable Light of the Divine Vivifier; may He direct our minds.

Jain: Adoration to the Lord, the destroyer of foes, the Supreme God, the King of those who have attained victory.

Mohammedan: There is no deity but God. All praise be to God, the Lord of all the worlds, the Merciful, the Compassionate, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

Shinto: All ye men who dwell under the heavens; regard all beings as your brothers and sisters. You will then enjoy this Divine Country, free from hate and sorrow.

Sikh: The One Supreme Being, whose Name Eternal Truth, the Creator, the Spirit, devoid of fear and enmity, immortal, unborn, self-existent, the Enlightener, the Bestower of grace, Glory to Him.

Tao: To know the eternal is enlightenment. The Divine Way is the asylum of all things, the good man's treasure, the bad man's last resort.

Zoroastrian: Blessed was the Thought, and blessed was the Word,

and blessed was the Deed of the Holy One. Purity is the best gift. Happiness is to him who is pure for the sake of purity.

Benediction

From unreality lead us to Truth, from darkness lead us to Light, from death lead us to Immortality.

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PAGANISM
Orville Leonard

The true God is in me --
Even as he is
At the heart of the universe --
And when I grow above this world,
There is a something emanates from
me --
An outgrowth from my earthly life,
But greater than that life --
That cannot die.

So even must God grow,
Because of that outgrowth in me,
Greater than my life,
That I add to the heart of the
universe.

He is ever changing,
Even as I change,
And if the spirit in me
Outgrows its earthly vehicle --
As it must --
Then God must grow through me
Because of what I -- and myriad
others --
Add to the volume of his spiritual
force.

For God is spiritual force
And, since I am a part of Him,
I'll not be trammelled
By any creed or dogma,
For he who calls not to a distant
God
But ever talks as to his closest
friend,
With his own highest self,
And rests on that --
Nor seeks a fanciful prop to stay
His mental or his moral weariness--
Is the only strong, free man
In all the world.

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VIBRATION

The most familiar contacts with vibration consist of our constant apprehension of light and sound.

Vibration is defined as oscillation; in other words, rapid motion. Everything is in a constant state of vibration. The material universe is composed of atoms and molecules which are never still, but are moving at astonishing rates of speed at all times.

Reduced speeds produce solid objects which can be seen and touched. In water, for instance, there are three distinct rates of vibration; the highest speed constitutes steam, the middle speed constitutes the liquid state of water, and the lowest speed manifests as ice.

It has been estimated by Science that molecules in air of average temperature travel at a rate of about 500 yards a second. Sound is a disturbance which one molecule passes on to another when it collides with it, rather like relays of messengers passing messages on to one another. The "message" of the molecules is their rate of vibration. It is apprehended by each molecule in turn. For instance, when a musician strikes a note on the piano, the molecules immediately adjacent to the piano string are raised or lowered in vibration to a particular pitch. That vibration is immediately passed on to the next molecule until the "sound" is diffused thruout the entire room. It is manifested on the ear drum and the message which it contains is transmitted to the conscious brain being interpreted as a musical note.

Light, however, travels at a very much higher rate of speed - about 186,000 miles per second. Sir James Jeans has given us a very apt illustration to distinguish and contrast the differences in speed between light and sound: "Light travels with the same speed as wireless signals, because both are

waves of electrical disturbance. Incidentally, this speed is just about a million times that of sound. The enormous disparity in the speeds of sound and of electric waves is vividly brought out in the ordinary process of broadcasting. When a speaker broadcasts from London his voice takes longer to travel three feet from his mouth to the microphone as a sound wave, than it does to travel 550 miles to Berlin, or Milan as an electric wave. Wireless listeners in Australia hear the music of a broadcasted concert sooner than an ordinary listener at the back of the concert hall who relies on sound alone. They hear it a fifteenth of a second after it is played."

Light, and other forms of vibration distribute energy from a central point. If it were possible for us to move the arm at a high rate of speed we could, by swinging it back and forth rapidly, produce the very musical note which is sounded by the piano. If we could move it at even a greater rate of speed, it is possible that the swinging oscillation of the arm could produce a ray of light. Furthermore every color has a different vibration, just as every musical note has a different one also. It has been estimated that about thirty vibrations per second are the smallest number which will produce a musical sound. Around fifty vibrations per second is equal to a low note produced by an organ, and about 8000 vibrations per second is the maximum which can be apprehended by the physical ear. The same thing is true of colors. The vibration of light waves is just as varied as the differences between low notes and high notes in sound. Light waves which are receptive to the physical eye extend all the way from the red light to the violet light, which, when it is seen by the eye, indicates that 800 million million waves of light are entering the eye each second. Of course, the waves of light which are per-

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THE CHILDREN'S CORNER



Frequently parents have asked for instructive Occult material they might transmit to their young children, and so we give you several Prayers of proven helpfulness in the consecration of young souls to the Pathway of Truth and Light. First is the familiar Prayer of the four Angels:

Four corners to my bed,
Four angels 'round my head,
One to watch and one to pray,
And two to drive all harm away.
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John,
Bless the bed that I lie on.

Jesus, hear my hopeful prayer,
Tender Shepherd of thy sheep,
Let thy kindness and thy care,
All our souls in safety keep.

Gracious Master, source of love,
With light and comfort from above,
Be thou my guardian and my guide,
And o'er every thought and step
preside.

Master of my guiding star, help me
these three doors to cast ajar,
each imprisons a treasure rare,
and all I would with others share;
first, the door of my body to perfect Health; second, the door of my mind to perfect understanding, and last, the door of my heart to perfect love.

Order my footsteps by thy words,
And make my heart sincere;
Let error have no dominion, Lord,
And keep my conscience clear.

May all my heart and all my days
Be devoted to the Lightened Ways.

Affirmation

God, the good, is ever present within me and ever manifests Himself as good in my life, filling my consciousness with knowledge, joy, and harmony.

THE DWELLER ON THE THRESHOLD

Various writers of popular material on Occult subjects invest the Dweller with a certain nameless, terrible and supernatural power, describing it very much as they would a fearsome monster waiting to devour hapless victims. That is not quite the understanding of this matter which we wish our students to have, and so thru analysis, let us determine exactly what the Dweller is.

First of all, remember that it has no separate shape, identity, life, or energy of its own, but it is simply the composite picture of all our failings, all of our errors, weaknesses, and inherent evil inclinations. It is the synthesis of all that which travelling the Pathway overcomes, and therefore its formidable nature grows less menacing as its power is destroyed step by step thru advancement. No soul is strong enough at the first moment of dedication to higher principles, to master all negative aspects of consciousness in one grand revision of character...we improve gradually. And because of that, each step of our journey is one in which we, figuratively speaking, wage war against the Dweller, learning thru experience how to master its restrictions.

It can destroy--yes. But only when it has voluntarily been given full control of one's life. This adversary within is more persistent than any exterior enemy, for it strikes at our weakest moments, and if we permit it to do so, robs us of will power, courage and strength. In other words, our own vices bring untold despair and grief when we yield to them, but their power to harm is mitigated in ratio to the influence exerted by the Christ consciousness.

Those who aspire to enter into the Divine Temple of Wisdom, must necessarily pay the price, and that supreme price is the Mastery of the Dweller.

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DEFINITIONS

In response to the requests for Occult definitions of various words employed in the Lectures, we shall include in the Messenger each month an explanation of the key words more frequently used. If there are words you would like to have defined here, speak with your Instructor concerning them.

ARUPA: A compound word meaning "formless"; however, it does not mean the entire lack of cohesion, but rather it means that type of form associated with the spiritual worlds, the etherical "forms" of the higher planes.

LOKA: An Eastern term referring to place or locality, or, as used in Occult literature, a plane or sphere. It is frequently combined with such adjectives as Arupa, thus "Arupa-lokas" meaning "Spiritual worlds."

TANTRIK: Refers to the Tantras, or the numerous religious discussions and formulae consisting of dialogues between Siva and Durga. Many of the Tantras are not sanctioned by genuine Occult scholars as they bear rather strongly on the subject of witchcraft and black magic.

ASAT: A Sanskrit word meaning that part of manifestation which is "Unreal" as opposed to the "Real". In other words, the negative phase of existence, or the first principle of latency which precedes and is higher than active manifestation.

MATRIX: That which gives shape, a mold.

ANIADA: The term employed by Paracelsus to denote the activities caused by Astral influences, or the activity of imagination and phantasy.

NISAN: The seventh month of the Hebrew year, corresponding to March and April, commencing with the new moon of the former.

ASTRUM: a Term often used instead of Astral Light.

LIPIKA: The recorders of Karma, the entities who know the Karma of every man, and who assist in the

regulating of the Karmic experiences so that the greatest benefit possible is derived from each life-span.

MITER: The head covering of the clergy of high rank. If Jewish, it is usually in the shape of a cap, gathered around the forehead with a band upon which are inscribed the letters of a sacred verse. The Christian miter of the Bishop is conical in shape, with peaks in front and back decorated with various holy symbols.

ARES: A god of the ancients; in fact it is the Greek word for the Latin Mars. He was the god of war, the son of Jupiter and Juno. In the esoteric interpretation, Ares is used to indicate the spiritual principle, the character of each objective thing.

SAMADHI: Literally, "to direct toward", used in regard to the trance-state in which the mind is absorbed in the object of its mental pursuit so that all awareness of the physical is forgotten. It is intense contemplation, with the mind directed to spiritual objectives. Among the yogis it is said to be the highest type of meditation as it implies union with the Spiritual Monad, being the highest of eight graded stages and possible only to the Adepts.

NE PLUS ULTRA: A Latin phrase meaning, "Nothing more beyond."

SUDRA: The name of the lowest caste in the ancient Indian system. It is the laboring class, which is entitled to only a small portion of the privileges, social and political, allowed other castes. The other 3 castes are Brahman, Kshattriya and Vaisya.

NEOGALIA: Festivals, without wine, celebrated in honor of the lesser deities.

DHARMA: A Sanskrit word meaning the right religion, or the right philosophy, justice, equity, right conduct, etc. In other words, moral and spiritual law. It is also frequently used to mean duty, or the things which it is right and natural that any given individual should do.

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THE HUMAN TOUCH



ut in the pan-handle of Texas lived an old man and his wife who had lived together for more than fifty years. The wife a very devout, faithful church worker; the husband, a rancher who had busied himself since the early eighties with the duties of farming and cattle raising.

If you were raised as was I, to believe that unless you followed the dictates of the clergy you were doomed to everlasting punishment, you will probably get a better understanding of this epistle than those of you who were given more rein and liberty of conscience.

Time came when the husband and father was no longer able to carry on, a heart affliction had kept him in his room for some months and in his haste to regain strength he had experienced a relapse. A severe attack one evening left him in a very weakened condition and he realized for the first time that recuperative powers were not able to restore his youth and vitality. Taking his wife's hand in his, he looked at her for a minute, then with a smile on his face, said, "Mother, I don't like to leave you, but it looks like I'm headin' for the last roundup." Her countenance became serious and for a minute or two she seemed in a daze, then looking at him she said, "Jacob, have you made peace with the Lord?" For a moment he was the man of yesterday, gripping her hand in his, a broad smile lighting up his face, he said. "Mother, Me and the Lord ain't never had no trouble!"

Folks who knew him said he had a kind heart, was humane to his beasts and an excellent neighbor. All of his life he had followed the rule of, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

If you and I as students of Occultism were to think of nothing but living at peace with God, I wonder to what heights we would reach?

An emphasis on lip service is, in my opinion, the least we can offer to those who have a right to expect something at our hand. The law is, "Be ye doers as well as hearers." And the law which is above all law, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy mind and thy neighbor as thyself" implies a service to our fellow men.

When I was told the above incident, it called to my mind the 23rd Psalm. David, in his latter days, when his physical strength waned must have realized that the end of this incarnation was near, but as a true Son of God, he felt the comfort that comes with a service well rendered. "Yea tho I walk thru the valley in the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

It seems to me the old man must have felt that comfort and tho he lacked words to express it as David did, the meaning is the same.

To me this incident is a revelation. In this day when the pious gird their loins to do verbal battle with the devil, and go into long winded, meaningless orations to condemn sin, I sometimes wonder, were they hitched in the harness of the ordinary man and compelled to earn their bread at the forge and the daily grind of the laborer, would they retain some of the ideals they expound from their cushioned seats of ease and gesticulate with uncalloused hands?

The impractical idealists and those who make much ado about nothing, of course fill a place in the world, but it does seem to me that the time is at hand when we should put into practice the teachings of the Master Jesus, who said, "In as much as ye do it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye do it unto me." Those whom conscience condemns have lost or misused the human touch.

-- Old Joe.

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THANK YOU

We wish to thank all those who sent us information concerning a certain book of reference mentioned in the August Messenger. We received scores of replies, and were overjoyed at the whole-hearted response this request brought.

The need has now been supplied through the kindness of one of our students, and we wish to thank, not only the donor, but all those who so earnestly engaged in our search for this volume. Your assistance and interest were appreciated.

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THE LARK AND HER YOUNG ONES

There was a brood of young Larks in a field of corn which was just ripe, and the mother, looking every day for the reapers, left word whenever she went out in search of food, that her young ones should report to her all the news they heard. One day, while she was absent, the master came to look at the state of the crop. "It is full time," said he, "to call in all my neighbors and get my corn reaped." When the old Lark came home, the young ones told their mother what they had heard, and begged her to remove them forthwith. "Time enough," said she; "If he trusts to his neighbors, he will have to wait awhile yet for his harvest."

Next day, however, the owner came again, and finding the sun still hotter and the corn more ripe, and nothing done, "There is not a moment to be lost," said he; "we cannot depend upon our neighbors; we must call in our relations;" and, turning to his son, "Go call your uncles and cousins, and see that they begin to-morrow."

In still greater fear, the young ones repeated to their mother the farmer's words. "If that be all, said she, "do not be frightened, for the relations have got

harvest work of their own; but take particular notice what you hear next time, and be sure you let me know." She went abroad the next day, and the owner coming as before and finding the grain falling to the ground from over-ripeness, and still no one at work, called to his son.

"We must wait for our neighbors and friends no longer; do you go and hire some reapers to-night, and we will set to work ourselves to-morrow." When the young ones told their mother this -- "Then," said she, "it is time to be off indeed; for when a man takes up his business himself, instead of leaving it to others, you may be sure that he means to set to work in earnest."

-- from Aesop's Fables.

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Vibrations (Concluded from page 4) ceptible to the physical eye are not the only rates of vibration, nor are they the highest rates of vibration in existence. There are many types of vibrations beyond that of the brightest light of which the eye is ignorant. For instance, the well-known X-Ray which penetrates thru flesh, but which is oscillating so rapidly that the eye cannot apprehend its motion, is an example of such vibration.

In addition, there are the Gamma-Rays, which are just beginning to attract scientific attention. And to continue still further, those vibrations of an even higher pitch than has been discovered by scientists, correspond to the pitch of the Astral Plane; becoming sensitive to Inner Plane Actuality means the "raising of vibrations". Just as the musician practices to distinguish each note in the most complicated chords, so does the Occultist, thru practice, learn to receive these Higher Vibrations thru exercising his psychic faculties. They are beyond the reactive ability of the five senses, being received only by that more subtle body, the psychic vehicle.

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